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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
PETER BASSLER, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :
(BASED ON PCT/EP03/07987)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: METHOD FOR THE CONTINUOUS :
PURIFICATION BY DISTILLATION
OF METHANOL, USED AS A
SOLVENT IN THE SYNTHESIS OF
PROPYLENE OXIDE WITHOUT
COUPLING PRODUCTS, WITH THE
SIMULTANEOUS ISOLATION OF
THE METHOXY PROPANOLS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.